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Mr. Smith:

Mr. Sheldon recommends the following items selected from the CIB of 1 June be transmitted to the Presidential party.

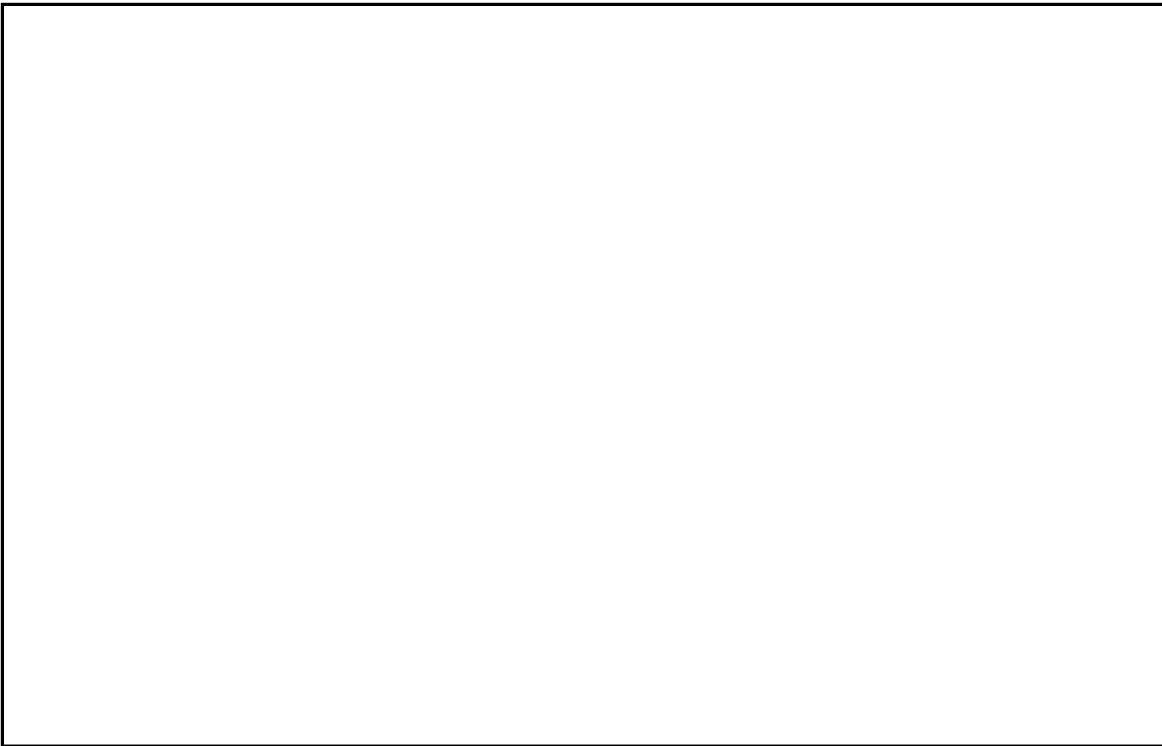
A late item on the Dominican Republic will be delivered for transmittal as soon as it is finished.

  
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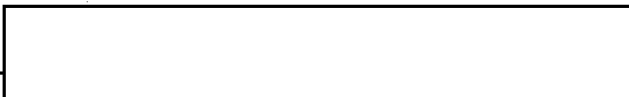
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the following conclusion concerning Iran:**



**The Watch Committee at its meeting on 31 May reached the following conclusion concerning Laos:**

**Communist forces in Laos will continue their efforts to reduce the Meo guerrilla bases in Xieng Khouang Province, particularly Ban Pa Dong, where there are further indications of Communist preparations for intensified attacks. The Communists are refusing both at Geneva and in the talks at Ban Namone to agree to effective procedures for inspection by the International Control Commission, while they press for the formation of a Communist-dominated coalition government. The Communists have continued to improve their military position for a possible resumption of full-scale hostilities if negotiations should collapse.**



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